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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 75
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Ms. Marlene Sanders upon her acceptance of a position with Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to commend those outstanding citizens of this state who in their professional lives have demonstrated great ability and energy in performing their tasks and whose efforts have contributed to the good of all with whom they have worked; and

WHEREAS, Marlene Sanders is one such outstanding Tennessean who is an extremely well-liked, respected, bright, engaging and conscientious 30-year-old professional lobbyist residing in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders, a native of Ooltewah, Tennessee, "cut her teeth" in the Tennessee General Assembly, first as an intern to Representative John Bragg and Senator Thelma Harper, and then as a lobbyist with Smith, Johnson and Carr for the past eight years; and

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WHEREAS, Marlene had previously worked her way through college at Middle Tennessee State University, earning a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, and was later awarded a Master's degree, *magna cum laude*, in Public Administration from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta sisterhood, and will be until the day that she dies and, as a result, has a colossal collection of elephants; and

WHEREAS, Marlene is a first-class big sister to Brittany and Bryan and a daughter who always makes her parents and Nanny proud; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders is a person who consistently looks for the good in all things, even when people like Cleve Smith and Joe Armstrong give her a hard time; and

WHEREAS, Marlene is already a role-model for girls and young women, but recently has augmented that role by committing to become a Girl Scout troop leader; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders is extremely active in her church and in the broader community, as she strives at all times to be herself and to help others be "at one with the universe"; and

WHEREAS, Marlene will always be regarded by Anne Carr as her oldest daughter, although she is clearly ready to fly from the nest; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders has been recruited by Eli Lilly, a major pharmaceutical company, to work on their behalf in an eight state region; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body express its sentiments upon this outstanding opportunity in the career of one whom we have known and for whom we have a great affection; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we offer our heartiest congratulations to Ms. Marlene Sanders upon her

acceptance of a position with the Eli Lilly company and wish her every success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Ms. Sanders must return to visit with her many friends, compatriots, and admirers in the Tennessee General Assembly and in the Third House on a regular basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all aforementioned persons will remember Marlene Sanders' time with us here at the Tennessee State Capitol with great admiration and genuine affection, and will look forward to hearing about her continuing adventures in life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.